

VICTORIOUS PEACE ONLY, SAYS BRIAND

French Premier Decisively Answers Reported German Overtures.

MAY BE A NOTICE TO U. S.

Paris, May 22.—Premier Briand in an address delivered to-day to the Russian officials and members of the Duma visiting France declared that France and Russia become allies only to prevent a European war and maintain peace.

TO STOP WILSON MOVE.

Briand's Statement Looked Upon as Aimed at U. S.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The statement of Premier Briand of France that "peace must not result from diplomatic intrigue, but come only through the decisive allied victory," is regarded by officials here as a final and definite answer to Germany's peace suggestions, which have been communicated officially and unofficially to the United States. The French Premier makes it clear that all peace proposals from Germany will be summarily rejected, it is expected here.

The Premier's statement has made it clear why President Wilson has declined to offer his services as a mediator at present. It shows likewise, officials say, why the President did not notice Germany's hints for peace which were incorporated in the reply to the American note on the submarine crisis, and it also shows why the suggestions emanating from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin have been communicated officially and unofficially either President Wilson or Secretary Lansing.

The fact that the Entente regards the German peace proposals as "diplomatic intrigue," has, according to diplomats, fully justified President Wilson's course in turning a deaf ear to the appeals which have reached him from pacifists to make a serious effort to initiate parleys with a view to ending the European war. The President's attitude in the matter is now more simply placed in the position of supporting Germany's peace plea, with the full knowledge that this plan will not be accepted by the Entente.

The statement of the French Prime Minister, according to diplomats here, is so phrased that it is clear that the Entente would not welcome any peace move by the United States now.

Information has reached here that Gerard has reached here in order to make a serious impression with his peace efforts in Spain and Holland and in the United States.

One German plan credited as semi-official is for either the King of Spain or the Queen of Holland to initiate a move for peace. But it is realized, officials here say, that such a move would have the burden of the peace on the King or Queen, and it is not likely to give it fair chance of success.

Mr. Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador, and Mr. J. M. Jusserand, the American ambassador, are expected to arrive here to realize that Germany may endeavor to force the issue by her peace proposals with a view to gaining the sympathy and perhaps cooperation of the United States. That such a move is dangerous possibilities for the Entente is likewise appreciated.

Diplomats regard it as probable that the French Premier issued his statement with the object of checking the German efforts before they have had time to spread results here.

ALFONSO SEEKING PEACE.

To Propose Negotiations Soon, Madrid Papers Say.

Madrid, May 22.—King Alfonso may be the initiator in proposing peace negotiations very soon, according to a statement printed to-day by the Madrid papers.

The papers said that the King will first endeavor to ascertain the peace sentiment in each of the warring countries, and then if he thinks that conditions are favorable, he will issue his statement to the capitals of the belligerent nations.

Two Spanish statesmen to make plans for a truce.

Naval Battle in Baltic In Report.

LONDON, May 22.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Times states that reports have been received from Kalmar, Sweden, of a violent naval battle off that place between the German and Russian naval forces.

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600,000 AUSTRIANS USED IN DRIVE AGAINST ITALY

Rome Advises Say That New Offensive Cannot Succeed As Region Attacked Is Impregnable—Tentons Occupy Lavarone Plateau.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, May 22.—More than 600,000 Austrian soldiers are engaged in the present offensive in the Trentino region in an attempt to break through the Italian border lines, according to an official statement given out by the Italian General Staff.

Italians express little fear that this attack will be successful and point to the natural defense of the mountainous country in which the offensive is occurring.

This district, always strongly fortified, has been greatly reinforced in the past year, and the Italians say that it is impregnable. They add that the Austrians began the offensive with no hopes of success, but simply to keep the Italian forces too busy to begin an offensive attack of their own at another point.

The Italian General Staff, however, is confident that the Austrians will be repulsed. Since last November, the statement adds, the Austrians have been engaged in the Trentino region, until there were now thirty-eight divisions, about 1,500,000 men, and all the artillery that could be spared from the other battle districts.

The Austrians have been fighting in the Trentino district. The most recent Austrian official statement claims several advances on the south Tyrol front, but says nothing about any great advantage derived therefrom.

The Italian defeat on the southern Tyrol front is certainly becoming more serious. An attack of the Great Corps on Lavarone Plateau was attended with complete success. The enemy was driven from his entire position.

The troops of Crown Prince Charles have been engaged in the Monte Tormino-Monte Majoro line.

Since the beginning of the offensive 23,883 Italians, among whom are 482 officers, have been killed. The number of cannon taken has been increased to 172.

Adige Attack Checked.
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Along the rest of the front the fighting was mainly by artillery actions, for the Austrians have been unable to break through the Italian positions on the right bank of the Adige, which followed a heavy bombardment. The Italians suffered heavy losses.

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Yesterday there was an intense bombardment against our positions on the left bank of the Adige, followed by violent attacks which were completely repulsed, with heavy losses to the infantry of the enemy.

Along the remaining front to Astico nothing of importance has developed. The Austrians have been attacking the Sogana Valley, the enemy continued his attacks yesterday, supported by powerful artillery, against our advanced positions in the Sogana Valley.

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Fort Douaumont and German Bring Down Seven.

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movements was checked by our fire and cost the Germans heavy losses. In the outskirts of the village of Vaux a small operation executed this morning put into possession of a German trench. At Les Eparges several German mines have been exploded, but without causing damage to the French position.

The entire front, hence the Austrian offensive is unlikely to be prolonged more than a month.

"Meanwhile the trust in the general staff of Cadorna is most implicit, as is proved by the calmness throughout Italy."

"Since the Austrian offensive was initiated an attempt has been made by Austria to throw a bomb on a train conveying Queen Helena and two of the Princesses to Rome from the front, where they had paid a flying visit to the Emperor."

"The fact that these aviators knew that members of the royal family were on board the train proves that the Austrians had organized a well-planned espionage here. Word of the trip was probably conveyed to the enemy by optical signals or by wireless. The Queen and the Princesses were waiting in the train, and the Austrians were waiting in the air."

"When their carriages were hit by bombs, the Queen and the Princesses followed it, and continued dropping bombs, thus showing that they were undoubtedly aware that the Queen was aboard."

ITALIAN LINE HOLDS.
Troops Recapture Some Positions Held by Austrians.

Rome, May 22.—Despite the terrific rain of bursting projectiles hurled by Austrian artillery concentrated between the Adige and the Brenta, and the successive waves of reckless Austrian infantry assaults, the Italian line is holding, according to advices from the front.

The Italians have even succeeded in recapturing several important positions among the peaks and passes of the mountainous battleground which were captured by the Austrians during their fierce assault during the first days of the great offensive.

It is stated that the daring charges of the Austrian forces resulted in the first three days of action in the loss of 20,000 soldiers killed and wounded, and a similar loss is said to have taken place within the past three days.

With troops twice the number ordinarily in the sector and artillery in very great numbers the Austrians are still attacking, however, in a desperate effort to cut through the Italian line so that they may threaten the retreat of the Italian army in Udine and Belluno. The region around Venice would fall into Austrian hands should the Italian line collapse under the tremendous pressure.

FOUR GERMAN SHIPS SUNK.
Russian Submarines Destroy Three in the Baltic.

LONDON, May 22.—The Russian War office announced to-day that Russian submarines had sunk three German steamships in the Baltic Sea.

Recently several German steamships plying between German and Scandinavian ports have been reported torpedoed.

The *Politik* is quoted by the Exchange Telegraph Company's Copenhagen correspondent as saying it is thought that the German steamship *Worms*, of 4,425 tons, has been sunk in the Baltic by a submarine.

The bulk of the troops remaining in Albania are now at Durazzo. It is stated that one of the causes of this retreat has been artillery activity.

GERMAN SUBMARINES BUSY.
Three Vessels Sunk While Mines Do Damage to Others.

LONDON, May 22.—The German Admiralty renewed its submarine campaign to-day. The French steamship *Langue*, the Italian steamship *Birmania*, and the British steamship *Erminia* were sunk.

The *Langue* was of 1,612 tons, the *Erminia* of 1,544 tons and the *Birmania* of 1,213 tons. The *Erminia* sailed from Savona on May 15, and the *Birmania*, of 1,901 tons, is reported sunk.

The Danish steamer *Carla*, of 215 tons, has been sunk by a mine off the southern coast of Sweden. The crew was saved.

BRITISH FORCES ARE NOW CLOSE TO KUT
Right Bank of Tigris Is Practically Cleared of Turks.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.
LONDON, May 22.—The British War Office to-day issued the following statement:

"Sir Percy Lake reports that the right bank of the Tigris is clear of the enemy as far as the Shatt-el-Hai, except for small rear guards covering a bridge over the Shatt-el-Hai, who are 500 yards below its junction. Our main force on this bank has reached the line of Magas and Dujailah."

On the left bank the enemy is reported to be occupying the Ramat position. The weather is intensely hot, there having been a trying temperature for the last few days of over 100 degrees in the shade.

TURKS CAPTURE MUCH BOOTY.
Win 400 Rifles and 200,000 Rounds in Caucasus Battle.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.
CONSTANTINOPLE, May 22.—The official Turkish statement issued to-day is as follows:

"On the Irak (Mesopotamia) front Capt. Schuster captured down his third enemy aeroplane."

In the Caucasus our booty from the latest battle is 400 rifles and 200,000 rounds of ammunition and other material."

Turks to Send Townshead and Staff to Sea of Marmora Island.
LONDON, May 22.—The American Embassy at Constantinople, which is looking after British interests in Turkey, has sent word that Gen. Townshead and his staff, who surrendered at Kut-el-Amara, will be sent to an island in the Sea of Marmora.

The official press bureau to-day issued the following statement:

"Ambassador Pate has stated that the American Embassy at Constantinople has been informed by the Ottoman Government that Gen. Townshead and his staff will be brought to Constantinople and probably assigned to the Island of Prinkipo, where they will be allowed full liberty. Most of the officers and men are still at Kut and Bagdad. Some will be sent to Damascus."

THIRTEEN AEROS DESTROYED IN DAY

French Wreck Six Machines and Germans Bring Down Seven.

SIX BALLOONS BURNED

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.
LONDON, May 22.—Numerous aerial combats and air raids by both French and German aeroplanes are reported in the official statements issued to-day by both sides.

The German raid west in Dunkirk, bombs being thrown on the town and at shipping in the harbor.

French aeroplanes made several raids, in which they attacked railroad stations and munition depots at several important towns held by the enemy, including Metz.

Near Verdun French aeroplanes destroyed six captive observation balloons and brought down a German aeroplane. Two French dirigibles were used with success in an attack on the stations and railroad lines at Brielle and Dun.

The German official statement announced that seven enemy aeroplanes had been destroyed or brought to earth by the French. French airmen accounted for six aeroplanes of the enemy, including one which was returning from the air raid on Dunkirk.

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RUSSIA NO BACK UP JAPAN

Agreement Said to Have Been Reached Whereby Czar Will